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(SBU) We passed on May 6 reftel talking points to French MFA IO and AF offices overseeing the Somali piracy issue. As France is a co-drafter with the U.S. of the draft resolution now circulating, we explained that we were providing reftel material to inform the GOF of the message we were sending to other UNSC members. We invited comment on or any reaction to our points. Our contacts were occupied with the visit of Somalia TFG President Yusuf, but AF DAS-equivalent Helene Le Gal said that she would provide on May 7 a briefing on Yusuf's visit and related matters, including the piracy resolution.

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